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FEDERAL PRISONER INDICTED FOR THREATENING THE PRESIDENT, OTHER FEDERAL OFFICIALS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a federal prison inmate was indicted by a federal grand jury today for mailing letters in which he threatened the President of the United States, the U.S. Attorney General and a federal judge.

Donald Bernard Talley, 32, an inmate at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Talley** mailed a letter addressed to U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft on Aug. 23, 2004. According to the indictment, that letter contained a threat to injure Ashcroft, as well as a federal judge and the president.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Talley** mailed a letter to U.S. District Judge Sandra B. Armstrong in Oakland, Calif., on Sept. 2, 2004. According to the indictment, that letter contained a threat to injure Armstrong.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Talley** mailed a letter to U.S. District Judge Sandra B. Armstrong in Oakland, Calif., on Sept. 3, 2004. According to the indictment, that letter contained a threat to injure Armstrong, as well as the President of the United States and the U.S. Attorney General.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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